

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the disinfection and/or preservation of harvested plant material, the process comprising contacting the harvested plant material with a liquid composition containing comprising at least one peroxygen compound and at least one preservative,

wherein the harvested plant material is animal feed selected from the group consisting of harvested grass, cereals, maize, wheat, legumes and mixtures thereof, and wherein the preservative comprises at least one of an organic acid having at least two carbon atoms and an organic acid salt having at least two carbon atoms.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 wherein the harvested plant material is animal feed ~~chosen from comprises~~ harvested grass, cereals, maize, wheat, legumes and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 wherein the peroxygen compound is selected from the group consisting of chosen from hydrogen peroxide, organic peracids, ester peracids, persalts, metallic peroxides or and mixtures thereof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 wherein the preservative is an organic acid or salt thereof including is selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, octanoic acid, benzoic acid, parahydroxybenzoic acid, sorbic acid, ascorbic acid, citric acid, lactic acid, malic acid, propionic acid, succinic acid, ester acids and their salts, or and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 wherein the liquid composition ~~contains~~ comprises from 5 to 60 % wt of the peroxygen compound and from 5 to 25 % wt of the preservative.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 5 wherein the peroxygen compound is hydrogen peroxide and the preservative is sodium benzoate.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the liquid composition is an aqueous solution ~~containing~~ comprising from 0.5 to 40 % wt of peracetic acid, from 0.1 to 30 % wt of hydrogen peroxide and from 1 to 60 % wt of acetic acid.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 wherein the liquid composition is used in an amount of from 0.5 to 10 ~~liters~~ per ton of plant material.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 8 wherein the liquid composition is used in an amount of from 1 to 3 ~~4~~ liters per ton of plant material.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the liquid composition has a pH of from 1 to 7.

Claim 11 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid and organic acid salt have at least three carbon atoms and up to 20 carbon atoms.

Claim 12 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid and organic acid salt have up to 20 carbon atoms.